

GATHERING TIME

OPENING SONGS: *Come and Worship the Lord*

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Jesus said: “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.”

John 15:1-2

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Welcome to worship! Worship is the activity of all God’s people. We invite you to join in the singing of songs and responding as indicated in your bulletin. Please sign the fellowship pads during the worship service.

Lord, I lift your name on high,
 Lord, I love to sing your praises.
 I'm so glad you're in my life,
 I'm so glad you came to save us.
 You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
 From the earth, to the cross, my debt to pay;
 From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
 Lord, I lift your name on high.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered
 in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
 C: Amen.
 P: Almighty God,
 C: In raising Jesus from the tomb, you destroyed the power of sin
 and death. Hear us as we confess our failure to live the good
 news of the resurrection. Grant us the radiant power of your
 grace. Forgive us, heal us, and renew us, so that we may know
 the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.
 P: In great mercy God has given you a new birth into a living
 hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In obedience to
 our Lord's command, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of
 all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of
 the Holy Spirit.
 C: Amen.

SONG: *We Fall Down*

We fall down
 We lay our crowns
 At the feet of Jesus
 The greatness of mercy and love
 At the feet of Jesus

And we cry holy holy holy
 And we cry holy holy holy
 And we cry holy holy holy is the Lamb

(repeat)

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
 C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
 P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
 communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
 C: And also with you.

SONG: *Draw Me Close*

Vs. 1 Draw me close to You
 Never let me go
 I lay it all down again
 To hear You say
 That I'm Your friend

Vs. 2 You are my desire
 No one else will do
 'Cause nothing else
 Could take Your place
 To feel the warmth
 Of Your embrace
 Help me find the way
 Bring me back to You
 You're all I want
 You're all I've ever needed
 You're all I want
 Help me know You are near.

Refrain

PSALM

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PRAYER

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HEAR THE WORD

LESSON: 1 John 4:7-21

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

SONG: *I Am A "C"* Junior Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

SONG: *Blessed Be Your Name* Choose Christ 13

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PRAYERS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

(Everyone is invited to gather around the altar for the remainder of the service. As you come forward you may place your offering in the offering plate on the stand. After the singing of "Lamb of God" those receiving communion will be invited to kneel or stand next to the Communion railing. Baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Communion is by intinction: receive the wafer - dip the wafer into the cup - then consume the body and blood of Christ. If you are not able to come forward Holy Communion will be brought to you.)

OFFERING *Borning Cry* Bell Choir

OFFERING SONG: *All That We Have* Worship & Praise 5

All that we have and all that we offer
Comes from a heart both frightened and free.
Take what we bring now and give what we need,
All done in your name.

COME TO THE MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: Lord, you deserve our thanks and praise in every moment. But in this moment we especially thank you for sending your Son to die and for raising him from death. Therefore, we join your people in heaven and on earth praising you and singing:

SONG: *Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!*
My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord.
(repeat)

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

ALL: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SONG: *Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name;*
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name. (repeat)

BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ
strengthen you and give you grace.

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Gracious God,

C: In this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and
nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body
and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people
in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and
evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

P: God the Father who raised Christ from the dead open to you
the gate of everlasting life.

C: Amen.

P: God the Son who burst from the grave give you joy as you
celebrate his resurrection.

C: Amen.

P: God the Holy Spirit who brought you to birth in baptism fill
you with strength and peace.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now
and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG: *Trading My Sorrows*

I'm trading my sorrows
I'm trading my shame
I'm laying them down
For the joy of the Lord
I'm trading my sickness
I'm trading my pain
I'm laying them down
For the joy of the Lord

Chorus 1

Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord Amen

(BRIDGE)

I am pressed but not crushed
Persecuted not abandoned
Struck down but not destroyed
I am blessed beyond the curse
For His promise will endure
That His joy's gonna be my strength
Though the sorrow may last for the night
His joy comes with the morning

DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Go in peace of Christ, alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God, alleluia! Amen!

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